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The Advanced Business Solutions Cash Flow Forecasting solution provides effective management of cash through flexible modelling facilities and integration with finance system data.

The monitoring and estimation of cash flow is essential "best practice" in any type of enterprise. Even companies that are projecting profitable business can run into liquidity problems if cash inflows and outflows are not effectively managed.

Cash Flow Forecasting aims to support the business in effective cash management, providing early detection of potential excess or shortfall and providing the time to manage the situation.

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The system provides a multi currency framework enabling effective handling of cash in multiple bank accounts. Cash forecasts can be generated in any currency, and exposure analysed by forecasting only source data with a given transaction currency.

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Flexible business rules

Depending on the data source being used in the model, the accountant can apply business rules on a pre-defined, or "on the fly" basis, to manipulate the cash impact date and value. This flexibility can include splitting an incoming value if required, for example to adjust for a difference in cash impact due to tax.

Business decisions

When analysing and manipulating cash forecasts, business decisions can be made, for example, deferring a proportion of a forecast cash outflow to a later date. These decisions can be recorded and communicated via e-mail, for example to the designated "owner" of a data source.

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Data manipulation

The user can view the data in any forecast exactly as they want it, interactively changing the time dimension and summarising row detail as required. The net cash position and total inflow and outflow are always readily apparent in any scenario. In addition, integrated graphics allow the user to view data in graph form, including an ability to export that graph where required.

key features:

- project cash flows from integrated Advanced Business Solutions finance systems
- project cash flows from external systems via open data source definition
- supports manual and integrated cash flow models
- supports multiple models
- user defined data source inflows and outflows
- user defined time horizons to support short, medium and long term planning
- powerful search facilities
- multi currency solution
- define business rules
- multiple forecasts support scenario planning
- integrated communications via email
- import / export to Excel
- output via Excel, PDF, XML, CSV
- Excel report options

Key benefits:

- anticipate short term financing needs
- detect and plan to finance seasonal business fluctuations
- planned debt reduction
- plan and optimise the occurrence of capital expenditure
- model the impact of cash discount
- evaluate and design credit policies
- plan long term financing
- optimise and increase investment income

Pre built integration

Out of the box integration with other solutions includes accounts receivable, accounts payable, purchasing, general ledger and collaborative planning.

Technology platforms

The cash flow forecasting solution utilises the power of java technologies to provide a thin client open platform product which runs on leading databases such as progress, oracle and ms sql and supports both windows and unix server platforms. The product can be run from all java enabled browsers such as microsoft ie and mozilla firefox.

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Summary

The Advanced Business Solutions cash flow forecasting solution is a useful addition to the product portfolio, adding value to our finance solutions as part of the smart business suite.

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